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LB 61, 236, 185, 214,
252, 494A, 238

SENATOR DWORAK: I understand the IDA concept but I'm talking about the other provision.

SENATOR GEORGE: The other constitutional amendment refers to the increment tax and there you're tax is forgiven until the bonds are paid off, in fact, you are paying off the bonds with the tax money that you're saving. That is not the case with LB 61, so it's quite different.

SENATOR DWORAK: Where are we going to get the money then to pay this off if it isn't tax money?

SENATOR GEORGE: It is self assessment by these businessmen who want to create their own tax district. Senator Dworak, you could see that in the city of Lincoln similar to what has been done here on 13th street. This is all...the improvements are all paid by self assessment of the businessmen by front footage.

SENATOR DWORAK: Senator George, I am not badgering you. You're telling me you want to create a tax district. To me, when you create a tax district, you only do it for one reason, to collect taxes. Those taxes you collect are what are going to be used to pay off these assessments. Now you tell me taxes aren't being used to pay off those assessments. It can't be both ways.

SENATOR GEORGE: These are special assessments for paying off the bonds. You may want to call it self taxing, if you care to do that, yes.

PRESIDENT: Gentlemen, we spent 15 minutes on that last motion. I thought maybe we could get it moved...we have way too many lights and we cannot possibly handle this. We are way over the 15 minutes. We must move to the next bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, the Appropriations Committee asked unanimous consent to be excused at 4:00 for a public hearing. Mr. President, read Standing Committee Reports from Public Works on pages 1046-1047 in the Journal. LB 236 placed on General File as amended. LB 185 indefinitely postponed. LB 214 indefinitely postponed. LB 252 indefinitely postponed. Mr. President, there is a new bill introduced by Senator Warner. LB 494A. Read LB 494A. Mr. President, an explanation of vote offered by Senator Cal Carsten will be inserted in the Journal. (Refer to page 1047).

PRESIDENT: We go to LB 238.

CLERK: Read LB 238. There are committee amendments offered by Senator George's Urban Affairs Committee.

PRESIDENT: Senator George.

SENATOR GEORGE: Mr. President, members of this House. I move the adoption of the Urban Affairs Committee amendments. Basically, what the committee added to the bill and by the way, this bill is only for metropolitan class which means only for the city of Omaha. There is a provision for a petition of property owners which must be obtained before a special assessment district can be formed by the council. That is the basic change. I move the adoption of the committee amendment.